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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN UNFICYP

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EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWED WITH INTEREST RECENT SERIES OF
TELEGRAMS ON AUGMENTATION OF AUSTRALIAN CIVILIAN POLICE
IN CYPRUS WITH MILITARY PERSONNEL (REF A AND PREVIOUS).
GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA APPEARS TO BE UNDERTAKING ESSEN-
TIAL CONSULTATIONS TO THIS END WITH CONSIDERABLE SKILL
AND SUCCESS. LABOR GOVERNMENT HAS MADE CLEAR ITS DESIRE
TO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO UNFICYP (REF B), BUT THERE
IS NO RPT NO DOUBT THAT AUGMENTATION OF EXISTING DETACH-
MENT OF ABOUT 40 CIVILIAN POLICE IS IMPOSSIBLE, GIVEN
ATTITUDE OF AUSTRALIAN STATE GOVERNMENTS WHICH ONLY RELUC-
TANTLY ALLOW RECRUITMENT OF POLICE PERSONNEL FOR CYPRUS.
ASSIGNMENT OF AUSTRALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL APPEARS TO
BE ONLY FEASIBLE SOLUTION WHICH, FORTUNATLY, SEEMS
ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS AND PROBABLY TO OTHERS CON-
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